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Minutes of the

One Hundred Second Annual Session

OF THE

Roaring River Association

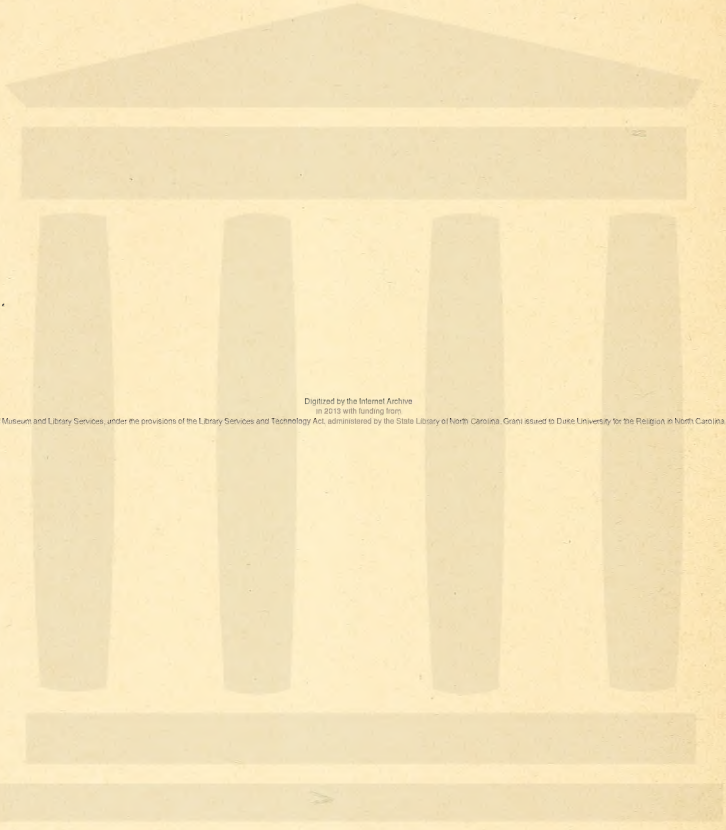
Of Primitive Baptists

Held with the Church at Double Creek, Wilkes County, N. C., Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 23, 24, 25, 1948

OFFICERS

Elder C. D. Hall, Moderator . . . . . Halls Mills, N. C.
Elder A. T. Whittington, Clerk . . . . . N. Wilkesboro, N. C.

The next session appointed to be held with the church at Mulberry, on Highway 18, ten miles north of North Wilkesboro, Wilkes County, N. C., beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1949.



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Roaring River Association

FIRST DAY—FRIDAY

1. The Association met pursuant of last year. Song and prayer by Elder A. T. Whittington, clerk. Introductory sermon was delivered by Elder C. D. Hall, moderator; text, 2 John i. 10.

2. After one hour intermission the messengers assembled in the church house; and were called to order by praise and prayer by Elder D. P. Broadway, correspondent from the Abbott's Creek Association.

3. Read and received letters from Meadow Fork, Mulberry, Double Creek, Cross Roads, Reddies River, and Woodruff churches.

4. On motion, we elected moderator and clerk by move and second.

5. Organized the Association by electing Elder C. D. Hall, moderator, and Allen Whittington, clerk.

6. Called for petitionary letters. None came forward.

7. On motion we omit reading the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith.

8. On motion, the moderator to make all temporary appointments for this session.

9. Called for correspondents. The following came forward and were received.

Abbott's Creek—Elder D. P. Broadway, Brother C. R. Helmes.

Fishers River—Brethren G. J. Key, T. M. Simtson, Harm Johnson.

Mountain—Brother C. E. Edwards.

Senter—Minutes.

St. Clair's Bottom—Elder H. M. Blevins.

Upper Mayo—Elder J. W. Brown.

Washington—Elders Raleigh Compton, R. J. Hankins.

10. Called for visiting brethren and sisters. The following came forward and were received.

Abbotts Creek—

Fishers River—Brother A. A. Johnson, Sister G. J. Key, Sister Simtson.

Mountain—Elder Coy Roberts, Brother C. A. Edwards and wife.

St. Clair's Bottom—Elder B. H. Blevins.

Washington—Elders G. Sparks and L. E. Whitt.

Indian Creek—Elder B. T. Jenkins and wife, Elder H. B. Slimp and wife.

11. On motion, we extend the right hand of fellowship to correspondents and visitors, and seat them.

12. Called on correspondents, who were to go to sister associations, to report. They reported, and those who failed to go were excused.

13. The moderator appointed to the stand today: Elder G. Sparks, no special text; Elder B. H. Blevins, Eph. iii. 14, 15; Elder Coy Roberts, St. John i. 1.

14. Appointed a Committee on Preaching composed of one member from each church: Brother Fosco Pruitt, Sister Nettie Brown, Sister Ira Shoemake, Brethren W. C. Hall, D. F. Whittington, and Elzin Choate.

15. Appointed a Committee on Finance as follows: Sister Nora Hall, Brother John Choate, Sister Annie Pierce.

16. Appointed a Committee on Arrangements as follows: Brethren Troy Miller, John Choate, D. F. Whittington, Sisters Hilla Absher, Nettie Brown, Margie Pruitt.

17. Called on Committee on Preaching who reported:

Friday night, at Sister Ira Shoemake's, Elders L. E. Whitt, and H. B. Slimp.

Saturday morning, at the stand, first, Elder R. J. Hankins; second, Elder D. P. Broadway; third, Elder Tom Jenkins.

18. On motion, we adjourn until 9:30 tomorrow morning. Brethren Troy Miller, John Choate, D. F. Whittingston, Sisters Bottom Association.

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SATURDAY MORNING

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday. Called to order by praise and prayer by Elder J. W. Brown, correspondent from Upper Mayo Association.

1. On motion, called on Committee on Arrangements to report. Report received and committee discharged.

2. Called the roll and marked those absent.

3. Called on the clerk to report. Reported work up to date; also the $25.00 and $11.00 left in his hand last year was not enough for printing the last year's minutes. Brother W. C. Hall donated the rest, which was four dollars.

4. Called on Finance Committee to report. They reported as follows:

Received from all the churches	$85.00	
Allowed for printing minutes and postage		$40.00
Allowed moderator		5.00
Allowed clerk		10.00
Allowed visiting elders		20.00
Left in hand of clerk		10.00
Total		$85.00

5. Called for correspondents who were not here yesterday; the following came forward, and were received.

Abbotts Creek—Elder L. G. Cashion, Deacon C. A. Livengood.

Senter—Brother Felix Bare.

6. Called for visiting brethren and sisters who were not here yesterday. The following came forward and were received.

Abbotts Creek—Sister C. A. Livengood.

Mountain—Brethren G. R. Duglass, J. P. Absher.

Senter—Brethren H. M. Bare and Tom Severt.

Upper Mayo—Deacon J. T. Lawson.

Washington—Elders S. S. Walker and Harmon Kiser, Brethren W. S. Rasmake. Kermit Owens, Sister Ella Breading.

Indian Creek—Elder M. K. Cook.

Abbotts Creek Church—Brother H. M. Willard.

7. On motion, we extend the right hand of fellowship to correspondents and visitors, and seat them.

8. Called on Committee on Preaching to report, who reported for Saturday evening: first, Elder S. S. Walker; second, Elder Harmon Kiser; third, Elder W. J. Brown. Sunday: first, Elder M. K. Cook; second, Elder Raleigh Compton; third, Elder L. G. Cashion; fourth, Elder H. M. Blevins.

9. On motion, we received the report of the Preaching Committee and dismissed them.

10. Called for volunteers to go to sister associations.

Abbott's Creek, to be held with the church at Pine, at Churchland, 33 miles south of Winston-Salem, on Highway 150, beginning

on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1949—Elders C. D. Hall, A. T. Whittington, Deacon Elgin Choate.

Fishers River—Deacon W. C. Hall, Deacon Fosco Pruitt, Brother Troy Miller.

The Mountain, to be held with the church at Piney Creek, about 10 miles west of Sparta, N. C., on Highway 91, on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1949—Elder A. T. Whittington, Deacon Fosco Pruitt, Deacon Elgin Choate, Brother John Choate.

The Senter, to be held with the church at Big Helton, about 14 miles north of West Jefferson, N. C., on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1949—Elder A. T. Whittington, Deacon Fosco Pruitt.

The St. Clair's Bottom, to be held with the church at St. Clair's Bottom, near Chilhowie, Va.—Elder C. D. Hall, Deacon Fosco Pruitt.

The Upper Mayo—Deacon W. C. Hall.

The Washington, to be held with Jerusalem Church, Buchanan County, Va., on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1949—Elder C. D. Hall, Deacon W. C. Hall.

10. On motion, we have the obituary of Brother Benjaman Brown printed in these minutes.

11. On motion, we stand by the ancient landmark set up by Christ and the apostles and the old original Articles of Faith of the Roaring River Association as carried in our minutes.

12. On motion, we appoint A. T. Whittington, treasurer, to supervise the printing of these minutes; have 500 copies printed and distributed as usual.

13. On motion, the next Association be held with the church at Mulberry, on Highway 18, ten miles north of N. Wilkesboro, on the Sparta Highway, beginning Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1949.

14. On motion, and recommendation of the churches, we have the authorized King James Version added to our second Articles of Faith.

15. On motion, we omit having the Constitution and Rules of Decorum printed in these minutes.

16. On motion, we have the Articles of Faith printed in these minutes.

17. On motion, we read the minute.

18. Resolved, That we return thanks, first to God for His mercies, and thank our brethren and sisters and friends for so lovingly and tenderly caring for this session.

19. On motion, we adjourn. Prayer by the moderator.

ELDER C. D. HALL, Moderator.

ELDER A. T. WHITTINGTON, Clerk.

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ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday night, at Sister Ira Shoemake's home—First, Elder L. E. Whitt; text, Titus ii. 11. Second, Elder H. B. Slimp; text, Thes. ii. 1.

Saturday—First, Elder R. J. Hankins; text, St. John vi. 44. Second, Elder D. P. Broadway; text, Matt. i. 20. Third, Elder Tom Jenkins; text, Rev. v. 3. Fourth, Elder S. S. Walker; text, St. Mark xiii. 33. Fifth, Elder Hermon Kiser; No special text.

Sunday—First, Elder M. K. Cook; text, Daniel ii. 44. Second, Elder Raleigh Compton; text, 1st John iii. 18.Third, Elder L. G. Cashion; text, Matt. vi. 3. Fourth, Elder H. M. Blevins; text, He worketh According to His Will. The Moderator closed.

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder C. D. Hall, Halls Mills, N. C.
Elder A. T. Whittington, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Cross Roads—Nettie Brown, R. 1, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.
Reddies River—Dollie Whittington, Reddies River, N. C.
Mulberry—Nora Hall, Halls Mills, N. C.
Woodruff—J. T. Choate, Glade Valley, N. C.
Meadow Fork—Mary Miller, Halls Mills, N. C.
Double Creek—Margie Pruitt, Abshers, N. C.

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CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Meadow Fork—Elder C. D. Hall, and A. T. Whittington.
Double Creek—Elder C. D. Hall.
Woodruff—Elder C. D. Hall.
Mulberry—Elders C. D. Hall and A. T. Whittington.
Reddies River—Elder C. D. Hall.
Cross Roads—Elder C. D. Hall.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATION

Abbott's Creek—T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C.
Fishers River—G. J. Key, Ararat, N. C.
Mountain——J. M. Rector, Galax, Va.
Senter—W. W. Miller, Clifton, N. C.
St. Clair's Bottom—Elder C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va.
Upper Mayo—J. W. Moorfield, Star Rt. Walnut Cove, N. C.
Washington—M. C. Sutherland, Haysi, Va.
Indian Creek—J. R. Tilly, Box 136, Hinton, W. Va.
New River—

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OBITUARY OF

Benjaman Brown

Benjaman Brown was born Nov. 6, 1860; departed this life Feb. 16, 1948; his stay on earth, 87 years, 3 months and 10 days. He was married to Clementine Halbrook about the year of 1886; she preceded him in death five years ago. To this union 14 children were born; 8 survive; thirty grandchildren, thirty-three great-grandchildren. He joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Mulberry the first Sunday in June, 1889. Some years later he moved his membership to Cross Roads; and there remained a faithful member until death. He was deprived of an education, but it pleased the Lord to reveal the truth unto him. He was like a tree planted by the river—he could not be moved. Written by his unworthy pastor.—C. D. HALL.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

1st. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

2nd. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments (as recorded in the authorized King James version) are the Words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4th. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5th. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

6th. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Spirit; and that all who are thus regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, or born again by the spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.

7th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subject of these ordinances; and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment; and that the joys of the righteous and the torment of the wicked will be eternal.

9th. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinance except as is regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Communions	Sat. of Meet.	Ordained ministers	Licentiates	Received by Exp.	Received by Let.	Restored	Dismissed by Let.	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributions
Reddies River	A. T. Whittington, D. F. Whittington, Annie Pierce	June	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	20.00
Woodruff	John Choate, Elgin Choate, Marie Choate	July	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	10.00
Double Creek	Margie Pruitt, Ira Shoemake		1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	3.75
Mulberry	C. D. Hall, W. C. Hall, Hilley Absher	August	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	25.25
Meadow Fork	Fosco Pruitt, Troy Miller	August	2	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	23	10.00
Cross Roads	Nettie Brown	July	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	8	16.00
Totals				2	—	1	2	—	—	—	2	71	85.00

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